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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20505

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Dear Dr. Gottlieb,

You are aware of the Agency's efforts to investigate its past involvement with drugs, with emphasis on the use of drugs on unwitting subjects. The Director of CIA made a commitment to Congress to attempt to identify unwitting subjects and, if there was a possibility they had been harmed by the experience, to inform them of CIA's involvement.

Your oral offer to help in this effort is appreciated. Now that our investigation is nearly completed we have formulated a few questions answers to which may help fill voids in the final report. You were not sent a letter earlier as the only questions we then knew to ask, you had already addressed in Congressional testimony.

Although the primary thrust of the investigation is to identify test subjects, per the Director's commitment, secondary efforts are to assess the possibility of harm by the specific drugs in the quantities used, and to flesh out the report with enough details of the safehouse operations to lend credence to the report which is emerging. Any help you can offer on the following is welcome.

1. What "drugs" were used/tested by White/Feldman and in what dosages? In view of the tiny amounts required of a substance like LSD, how was the drug packaged such that the amount delivered was known with any degree of certainty?
2. What, if any, test follow-up was practiced? Was there an effort to determine the effect, if any, on the health of the subjects? Was there an effort to determine to what the test subjects attributed their peculiar symptoms?

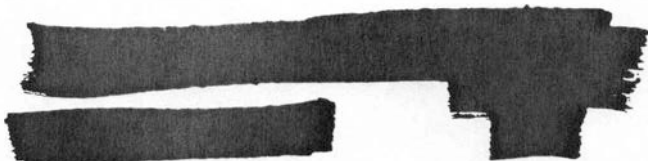
3. How did White transmit the results of the tests to you? Were they typed or handwritten? Did they contain names of subjects? Did all reports come through White or did Feldman report directly? Did anyone else report on drug tests? How were tests in N.Y., 1960's (if any) reported? Who in CIA had access to those reports? If unwitting testing was not intended as the purpose of procuring the safehouses through the auspices of the FBN, what was the rationale for obtaining the safehouses?
4. What was the primary purpose of the "unwitting" testing: to see if someone's behavior could be subtly sabotaged; as an aid to interrogation a la White's OSS/N.Y. experience?
5. White, in his diary (1960) occasionally refers to [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] as well as to [REDACTED], as though he were attempting to distinguish between two coexisting installations. Did [REDACTED] support a safehouse which was separate and distinct from [REDACTED]
6. The term, "Midnight Climax" is largely responsible for the brothel image of the safehouses. Can you shed any light on its origin? Quite frankly, to date we have no evidence to support the brothel image.
7. Could you hazard an estimate of the number of the tests performed by FBN in the safehouses and the number conducted in bars/nightclubs, etc.? If the absolute numbers are a problem can you estimate a percentage breakdown between the two groups? In what cities did the tests in bars and nightclubs take place?
8. Dr. Treichler procured a safesite (1961) [REDACTED] through the FBN, Charles Siragusa. It appears that Feldman was denied the use of that apartment. He procured an apartment, [REDACTED] in 1962. Was the latter apartment provided (financed) by CIA?

I realize that some of these questions deal with details of little significance and are very possibly not remembered after 20 plus years. Whatever you do will be appreciated.

It now appears that all of the Agency's files have been searched and that all drug related material which is subject to release has

been released. The investigation into the Agency's drug research is now targeted for completion in June. Hopefully, this entire subject will soon be relegated to history. If I don't hear from you within a couple of weeks, I will give you a call.

Yours truly,

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

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The following replies are keyed to the questions in referenced letter:

1. The LSD used by White was packaged as a solution in approximately 80 microgram units in plastic ampoules. The LSD was sometimes packaged in combination with meratran.

2. Follow-up was conducted when practical--there was no set practice.

3. White's reports on drug tests were submitted in his own handwriting. The identity of the subject was not mentioned. Dr. Gottlieb does not believe that any tests were conducted in the 60's. The New York safehouse, Greenwich Towers, was obtained by new people brought in to take over management of the program. The new project officers felt we needed a facility on each coast for contingency purposes. He does not believe any unwitting testing was performed in New York after White's departure from New York in 1955.

4. Unwitting testing was performed to explore the full range of the operational use of LSD. Both interrogation and provoking erratic behavior were of interest.

5. There were no other safehouses involved in the Program. Gottlieb has no idea to what "Ray's" in White's diary may have referred.

6. White had a fertile imagination and a literary mind which conjured up his rape/steal/pillage and toiling the vineyards letter and it similarly conjured up midnight and climax. He has no other explanation for it.

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7. He remembers no breakdown of types of tests and no accurate count of the tests. As he recalls, the number was probably about 40. He recalls nothing which would identify any specific tests or test sites.

8. He knows nothing of a second apartment in New York during the 60's. TSD has nothing to do with any apartment which may have been procured by Ira Feldman.

